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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

# Response to Amendment

1. Amendment filed on 06/09/2005 has been entered and made of record as Paper No. 0605. In Amendment, claims 3 and 7 have been canceled. Claims 20-24 are newly added. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, and 8-24 are pending in the application.

Applicants' remarks have been considered.

## Election/Restrictions

2. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: a first embodiment, shown in figures 2-4, and a second embodiment, shown in figures 5-7.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, no claim is generic.

#### Examiner's Amendment

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should any changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Farid on August 25, 2005.

- Cancel non-elected claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 20, and 21.

### Allowable Subject Matter

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4. Claims 9-19 and 22-24 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the cited references or combinations thereof disclose or suggest performing pattern exposure by selectively irradiating the resist film with exposing light while providing a nonaqueous solution between the water-soluble film and a projection lens as required by the presently claimed invention.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

#### Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quoc Hoang whose telephone number is (571) 272-1780. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8.00 AM to 5.00 PM.

If attempt to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on (571) 272-1787. The fax phone numbers of the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306 for regular communications and (703) 872-9306 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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